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## PROCEEDINGS OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES.

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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE.—The Eighteenth Meeting of the Association will be held in SALEM, commencing on Wednesday, August 18, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Arrangements are in progress by the Local Committee to make the meeting a scientific success, and a large attendance from all parts of the country is expected.

An interesting feature of the meeting is anticipated in the proposed microscopical gathering, and a large room will be specially devoted to the display of Microscopes, and all that pertains thereto. The Local Committee respectfully requests all persons having first-class instruments, to bring them to the meeting, and also such apparatus as they have found useful in their manipulation. Agents and makers of Microscopes are requested to bring specimens of their different manufactures.

On the afternoon of the first day of the meeting, the Association will be invited to assist in the dedication of the Museum of the Peabody Academy of Science. The Rooms of the Essex Institute and of the Academy, also those of other institutions of the city, will be open during the meeting.

The meetings of the Association will take place in the several halls of the County Court Houses which furnish most ample accommodation for the different sections and committees. The office of the Local Committee will be at the new Court House, where members will be conducted immediately on their arrival in the city.

A circular giving all necessary information relating to the meeting, will be sent to any one requesting it, on application to the Local Secretary. The volume of Proceedings for the Chicago meeting is now nearly printed, and will be ready for delivery at this meeting.

Any person wishing to join the Association can report his name to any of the Secretaries. The entrance fee is \$5, and the annual assessment is \$3, including the price of the yearly volume of Proceedings.

Farther information relating to the Association can be had by addressing the Local Secretary, F. W. PUTNAM, Salem, Mass.

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### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. T., Tabor, Tarrant Co., Iowa.—The impressions are the casts of the crinoid stems found fossil in the rock, from which the pebbles were originally broken off.

E. L. H., Newark, N. Y.—The insect was too much injured for specific identification; it is a hemipterous insect allied to *Reduvius*.

R. T., Brookfield, Mo.—The specimens sent were undoubtedly the fungus attacking the larva of the June Bug (*Lachnosterna fusca*), which has been described and figured in Riley's recent Report on the Insects of Missouri injurious to Vegetation.

J. H., Albany, Oregon.—The insects were duly received; many thanks for them. There are several that seem very familiar forms, while some of the moths appear to be new to science.

A. H. G., Plymouth, Ind. — Parasitic worms, in various stages of development, are commonly found in fishes, and it is most probable that every individual has several distinct kinds of parasitic worms living either in the intestines, liver, etc. See p. 218.

W. C. C., Ithaca, N. Y. — The Milleped is *Spirobolus marginatus* Say.

CORRECTIONS. — Dr. Cooper, of San Francisco (who did not see the proofs of his articles on "The Fauna of Montana Territory"), writes us to make the following corrections:

Vol. II, p. 530, line 22, for Mauvaise Territory, read Mauvais Terres. On p. 534, line 18, for Washington Territory, read Montana Territory. On p. 535, line 14, for Bat, read Rat. On p. 597, last line but one, for Mammal, read Manual.

Vol. III, p. 32, dele the query (?) after *Seiurus Novaboracensis*. On p. 34, line 14, for N. W., read Arizona. On p. 34, TOWNSEND'S FLYCATCHER, mark out last two lines of paragraph after the word OSCINES, and insert "Yet this bird is a magnificent singer in spring." On p. 35, line 10, *Vireo olivaceus*? *V. Bartramii* Swainson? should read *Vireo olivaceus*. On p. 35, line 17, for *V. gilvus* read *V. Swainsonii* Baird. On p. 76, line 4 from bottom, for *Passerculus* read *Passerculus*. Dr. Cooper writes that we are correct in regard to the Editorial note under *Salmo Suckleyi*, on p. 127.

Vol. III, Pl. 2. "The artist has inserted conic teeth in the jaws of the *Hadrosaurus* which do not exist. The claws of *Laelaps* are incorrect, not being nearly sufficiently hooked. The nostril is much more anterior than given in the drawing. The eyes of *Mosasaurs* are not symmetrical; in the same way, one of those of *Elasmosaurus* is vertical and one lateral. The tail of *Elasmosaurus* is not continuous with what ought to be tail, but is made body." — E. D. COPE.

## BOOKS RECEIVED.

*Seventeenth Annual Report of the Directors of the New York Ophthalmic Hospital*, 1868. New York, 1869. 8vo, pp. 15.

*A Contribution to the Study of Human Milk*. By T. F. Allen, M. D. Albany, 1868. 8vo, pp. 11.

*Action of Anæsthetics on the Blood Corpuscles*. By J. H. McQuillen, M. D. Philadelphia, 1859. 8vo, pp. 7.

*Land and Fresh-water Shells of North America*. Part I. *Pulmonata geophila*. By W. G. Binney and T. Bland. 8vo, 1868. Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.

*Flora of Alaska*. By J. T. Rothrock, M. D. 8vo, pp. 30. Smithsonian Institution, 1868.

*Washburn's & Co's Amateur Cultivators' Guide to the Flower and Kitchen Garden; containing a Descriptive List of two thousand varieties of Flower and Vegetable Seeds; also a List of French Hybrid Gladiolus raised and imported by Washburn & Co*. Boston, Mass. Illustrated. 8vo, pp. 152.

*The Naturalist's Note Book*. March, April, 1869. London. 4d. a number. Small 4to.

*Chemical News*. March, April, May. New York.

*Cosmos*. February 27, May 1, 1869. London.

*Observations on the genus Unio; together with Descriptions of New Species in the Family Unionide, and Descriptions of New Species of the Melanide and Paludineæ*. By Isaac Lea, LL.D. 4to, with twenty-six plates. Philadelphia, 1869. From the Journal of the Academy of Natural Sciences, Vol. xii.

*Hardwicke's Science-Gossip*. March, April, 1869. London.

*The Butterflies of North America*. By W. H. Edwards, Philadelphia. Part 3, \$2.50.

*Scientific Opinion*, Parts iv, March, v, April, 1869. London.

*Le Naturaliste Canadien*, No. iv, March, No. v, April, 1869. 8vo. Quebec.

*American Bee Journal*. April, 1869. Washington: S. Wagner. \$2.00.

*The Canadian Naturalist and Geologist*. New Series, Vol. iii, No. 5. June, 1868. No. 6, December, 1868. 8vo, \$3.00, gold.

*Investigations in the Military and Anthropological Statistics of American Soldiers*. By B. A. Gould, Ph. Dr. Actuary to the U. S. Sanitary Commission. New York, 1869. 8vo, pp. 655.

*The Physical Basis of Life*. By Prof. T. H. Huxley. Yale Courant Office. 8vo, pp. 24. *Report on the Culture of the Japanese Silk-worm, Bombyx Yama-mai, in 1867-'68, in England*. By A. Wallace, M. D. Colchester (Eng.), 1869. 8vo, pp. 64. 1s. gold.

*The Canadian Entomologist*, Vol. i, Nos. 8, 9. March, April, 1869. 8vo. Toronto,